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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, MASS
SUBJ: REPORTED ARMS SALE PROPOSAL

1. SOURCE IN THE LEGITIMATE ARMS BUSINESS HAS TOLD US THAT THAI GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED WITH FOLLOWING OFFER: MAN, APPARENTLY AMERICAN, NAME GENE SCALES,HAS TOLD THIAIS HE HAS 75,000 M-16'S IN A-1 CONDITION AVAILABLE. ALLEGEDLY, HE CAN BEGIN DELIVERY TEN DAYS AFTER FIRM ORDER OF 25,000 A WEEK. PRICE IS $225 A COPY INCLUDING TWO MAGAZINES. SCALES CLAIMS TO REPRESENT R/M EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, 2975 S.W. EIGHT ST., MIAMI, FLORIDA, 331535. TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 305-642-1943.

2. ALTHOUGH SCALES CLAIMS THE RIFLES ARE IN THE U.S. AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM RECEIVING EXPORT LICENSE, IT STRIKES US AS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE THIS COULD BE LEGITIMATE DEAL. IF SCALES CAN LAY HIS HANDS ON M-16'S IN THAT QUANTITY THEY WILL PROBABLY BE COMING FROM VIETNAM WITH HANOI GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. IF SCALES NOT SUCCESSFUL IN MAKING DEAL WITH THAIS, WE
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EXPECT HE WILL COME HERE OR ELSEWHERE IN AREA WHERE

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IT IS KNOWN THAT GOVERNMENTS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING THESE WEAPONS.

3. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT AND U.S. INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES MAKE QUICK CHECK OF MR. SCALES AND HIS CORPORATION AND LET US KNOW HIS STATUS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
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